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SENATE BILL 429

46TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 2004

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AN ACT

RELATING TO THE LEGISLATIVE EDUCATION STUDY COMMITTEE;
INCREASING THE NUMBER OF MEMBERS.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO:

Section 1. Section 2-10-1 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1971,
Chapter 287, Section 1, as amended) is amended to read:

"2-10-1. CREATION OF COMMITTEE--MEMBERS--NUMBER--
APPOINTMENT--TERM OF OFFICE.--

A. A permanent joint interim committee of the
legislature to be called the "legislative education study
committee" is created. The committee shall be composed of
[~~ten~~] eleven members, [~~four~~] five from the senate and six from
the house. The house education committee and the senate
education committee shall be represented. The committee
members shall be appointed for two-year terms, which shall

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1 expire on the first day of each odd-year session. The term of
2 any member shall terminate when such member ceases to be a
3 member of the legislature. Members shall be appointed by the
4 committees' committee of the senate or, if the appointment is
5 made in the interim, by the president pro tempore, after
6 consultation with and agreement of a majority of the members of
7 the committees' committee, and the speaker of the house of
8 representatives; provided, however, minority members shall be
9 appointed by the speaker only from recommendations made by the
10 minority floor leader, although the speaker shall retain the
11 right to reject any such recommendations. Vacancies on the
12 committee shall be filled for the unexpired term by the
13 respective appointing authority [~~which~~] that makes the original
14 appointments and subject to the same recommendations; provided
15 that members shall be appointed from the respective houses,
16 parties and committees so as to maintain the same number of
17 house and senate members and the same representation of
18 standing committees as provided in the original appointments.
19 Each of the two parties having the largest number of members in
20 the legislature shall be represented on the committee in
21 proportion to the membership of each such party in each house;
22 provided that in the computation, major fractions shall be
23 counted as whole numbers, and in no event shall either of the
24 two major parties have less than one member from each house.

25 B. The officers shall be appointed for terms

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1 coterminous with their membership on the committee. Each
2 office shall be alternated between the respective houses each
3 two years. For the terms beginning in 1979, the chairman shall
4 be a house member and the vice chairman, if any, shall be a
5 senate member. The appointing authority of each house shall
6 exercise its appointing authority by naming the chairman or
7 vice chairman respectively on this alternating basis.

8 C. No action shall be taken by the committee if a
9 majority of the total membership from either house on the
10 committee rejects such action."

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